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## BE ON THE LOOKOUT: ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITOES

### Mosquito population a nuisance

*Westminster, MD* – Mosquitoes have recently been reported in some neighborhoods in the City of Westminster. The Asian Tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) is a diurnal (active during daylight hours) species that is able to survive in just a **small amount of standing water**. They are localized to the area in which they breed, and travel no farther than 300 feet from the water source.

Examples of areas in which these insects may live are unused pools (kiddie, above- and in-ground), old tires, metal drums, trash cans and upturned lids, tarps and buckets, recycling bins, and even clogged gutters. Other, smaller examples include areas such as empty cups and bottles, flower pots and saucers, and birdbaths.

It is very important for citizens to have clean properties to avoid areas in which these mosquitoes breed. Be sure to empty any containers of standing water, keep pool areas clean or emptied, and overturn empty containers to avoid rainwater collection.

For more information on Asian Tiger mosquitoes, visit the Maryland Department of Agriculture website at [http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito\\_control/asian\\_tiger\\_mosquito\\_md.php](http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/asian_tiger_mosquito_md.php).



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